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Assemblymember Hayashi's Bill to Stop Hayward's Second Power Plant Heard at the State Capitol

Assemblymember Hayashi, along with Hayward City Mayor Mike Sweeney, Hayward City Councilmember Barbara Halliday, Alameda County Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker, Mr. Andy Wilson, representative for the California Pilots Association and Ms. Audrey LePell, representative for Citizens Against Pollution spoke on behalf of AB 1909: Local Government Power Plants in the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce on April 7 at the State Capitol. AB 1909



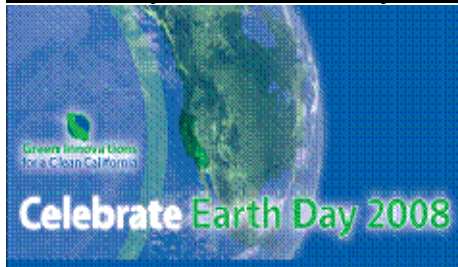
ensures that the California Energy Commission honors its process by fully considering the input of the local community.

AB 1909 would require the State Energy Resources and Development Committee, more commonly known as the California Energy Commission (CEC), to obtain the approval of the local governing body for the construction of additional thermal power plants and related facilities in a jurisdiction with a preexisting thermal power plant. The bill's intent is to prevent a city such as Hayward from shouldering the environmental and health burdens of producing our state's energy.

At the request of Alameda County Supervisors, AB 1909 was amended with an urgency clause. The bill was held over for another hearing which is to be scheduled.

Assemblymember Hayashi would like to thank the City of Hayward, Citizens Against Pollution, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Gray Panthers of Southern Alameda County, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, and hundreds of citizens who have given their support for the bill. For more information, please [click here](#).

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Celebrated Earth Day 2008 at Las Positas College



In celebration of Earth Day, Assemblymember Hayashi brought together leading scientists and Green Tech companies to discuss the latest green innovations for reducing California's carbon footprint at an environmental symposium April 11 at Las Positas College in Livermore.

Green Innovations for a Clean California featured the state's leaders on climate change. Scientists discussed global warming and its effects on California and the diverse group of researchers and companies also presented how they are implementing the latest clean technology. A Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle on display also drew much attention from the dozens of the attendees.



Assemblymember Hayashi Announces Her Legislation to Reduce Global Warming



At the Environmental Symposium, Assemblymember Hayashi discussed three bills she has authored to reduce global warming. Assembly Bill 2804 will make it easier for schools to use solar energy by extending the time allowed for educational facilities to design, build and connect to the electrical grid. Assembly Bill 2006 will create the "Center of Innovation for Green Technology" at a Bay Area community college and Assembly Bill 1909 will help stop plans for a second gas power plant proposed to be built in West Hayward.

In addition, the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District announced several initiatives in its commitment to build a green future for its students, including plans to build a \$22 million solar panel project at its Las Positas and Chabot College campuses. It has also purchased 400 acres next to the Livermore campus for environment easement and is planning educational hubs near two BART stations.

Bay Area companies discussed how their businesses are reducing their carbon footprint by saving energy in the home and office with green technology. Presentations showed how California's unique potential renewable energy through unlocking geothermal energy and capturing solar energy with cutting edge organic panels.

Assemblymember Hayashi's Bill to Secure Access to Student Grades Passes Assembly and Moves to the Senate

A bill to require the California Community Chancellor's Office to distribute a grade security policy to all community colleges in California passed the Assembly floor and now moves to the senate. Assemblymember Hayashi's bill, AB 1754, sets a policy to provide a standard protocol for colleges to secure access to student records, especially grades. Assemblymembers Loni Hancock (D-Berkeley) and Mark DeSaulnier (D-Martinez) are also signed on as joint authors.

The bill follows an incident at Diablo Valley College, a community college in Contra Costa County, where over 100 people, including students, had access to the grade database. A number of current and former Diablo Valley College students were charged with multiple counts of fraud and conspiracy in a case where several hundred grades were altered in exchange for cash. In some cases, it meant grades going from Fs to As. The end result has been the prosecution of perpetrators, and unfortunately, extra scrutiny on the grades of Diablo Valley College students who were not involved in the case. The State Chancellor's Office as well Contra Costa Community College District has also demonstrated their support for the bill.

Assemblymember Hayashi emceed Girls Inc. 50th Anniversary Celebration



Girls Incorporated celebrated 50 years of inspiring girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Assemblymember Hayashi emceed the celebration event on Friday, April 11th at the Rotunda building in Oakland. Assemblymember Hayashi presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Pat Loomes, former Executive Director of Girls Incorporated. She also recognized Eunice Azzani as the Strong, Smart, Bold Award winner. We proudly celebrate their 50 years of fine programming and service to girls in Alameda County! For more information, [click here](#).



Assemblymember Hayashi Speaks at the "Teens on Teens" Suicide Prevention Forum in Pleasanton



Assemblymember Hayashi was the keynote speaker at a forum for teens and their parents relating to depression and suicide at Amador Valley High School Library on April 10. The "Teens about Teens" Forum: A Panel of Local Teens Discuss Depression and Suicide was presented by the Pleasanton Unified School District and Amador Valley Adult & Community Education.

Parents and teens heard stories of depression, learned how to recognize the warning signs of suicide, prevention techniques and become confident addressing issues of depression and suicide. "Teens about Teens" was the second in a series of community meetings following two suicides last fall in the Pleasanton Unified School District dealing with depression and suicide.

Castro Valley Celebrates Ground Breaking of Its New Library



Assemblymember Hayashi congratulated Castro Valley for breaking ground on their new library to be located at 3600 Norbridge Avenue, near Castro Valley Boulevard, six blocks from the current library and two blocks from BART. More than 200 people gathered on the site where the new library will be built as part of the Alameda County Library system, to eat cookies, get a close look at the creek and amphitheater, listen to speeches and finally watch the shovels go into the earth. The \$22,276,464 complex is being funded with a \$13.9 million State Bond.

The new library has been designed by the architectural firm Noll and Tam, in Berkeley, CA, and is projected to open in 2009. The library will have space for a 50 percent larger collection, an audio visual collection three times as large, an international language collection five times as large and five times as many public computers and wireless internet access. There will also be a Multipurpose Education Center, 145 parking spaces, a quiet reading area, a spacious community meeting room, cafe, bookstore and outdoor patio.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi joined the Pleasanton PTA to rally against education budget cuts



Assemblymember Hayashi participated in a rally at Amador High School in Pleasanton to stop statewide education budget cuts. The governor proposes to suspend Proposition 98 and cut education funding by \$4 billion. This plan would force school districts to lay-off teachers and increase class sizes. The Assembly Democratic Caucus finds this unacceptable.

To help prevent cuts and the subsequent lay-offs, the Assembly Democratic Caucus has proposed two revenue streams that will allow the state to invest in California's future, our school children. The Caucus proposed to close the sales tax loophole among purchasers of yachts, vehicles or aircraft by extending the waiting period to bring out-of-state purchases into California from 90 days to one year. In addition, the Assembly Democratic Caucus proposed Assembly Bill 9X3 that would implement a severance tax on oil production by 6% similar to Oklahoma and Texas and impose a 2% windfall tax on oil companies that have excess profits of \$10 million. If these changes were to pass, more than \$1.2 billion would go directly to education



funding.

Unfortunately, the Assembly Democratic Caucus did not receive the required 2/3 votes constitutionally needed to pass these measures.

To weigh-in on the governor's proposed cuts to education, please [click here](#).

Assemblymember Hayashi Honors Students at New Haven Unified School District



Assemblymember Hayashi honored the New Haven Schools Foundation for providing thousands of dollars of scholarships to more than 70 students at its annual Scholarship Luncheon.

Special thanks to sponsors: Hayward Firefighters Local 1909, Union City Police Officers Association, Tri-CED Community Recycling, Allied Waste, Carpenter's Union Local 713, Comcast, Kaiser Permanente, Union City Fire Fighters Association and Teamsters Union Local 70.

Assemblymember Hayashi Recognized Roche Molecular for Its New Research and Development Center in Pleasanton



Assemblymember Hayashi congratulated Roche Molecular Diagnostics (RMD) on the opening of its new research facility at the company's headquarters in Pleasanton, California. The building represents the final phase of consolidation of RMD's West Coast operations into one campus in Pleasanton which now houses close to 500 employees, including 120 members of RMD's research teams previously located in Alameda. RMD is a world-leading molecular diagnostics company, developing diagnostics designed to provide information allowing healthcare providers to select and monitor patient response to therapy or identify molecular characteristics of a disease. RMD's products also help to ensure the safety of blood and blood products before they are used for medical procedures by using its approved systems to screen donations.

New Section of Iron Horse Trail Opens in Pleasanton



Assemblymember Hayashi recognized ACTIA, East Bay Regional Bay Parks and Ponderosa Homes for their public/private partnership in building an extension of the Iron Horse Trail in Pleasanton. The trail is a multi-use, whole-access trail between the cities of Concord and Dublin follows the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way established in 1891 and abandoned in 1977. The completed Iron Horse Regional Trail will span the distance from Livermore in Alameda County to Suisun Bay in Contra Costa County, a distance of 33 miles, connecting two counties and 12 cities. The completion of this trail represents interagency cooperation and a community-wide effort for important recreational and commute components. The 20-foot-wide trail connects residential and commercial areas, business parks, schools, public transportation, open space, parks and regional trails. For more information, please [click here](#).



Assemblymember Hayashi Honors Bayfair Center's 50th Anniversary in San Leandro



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi joined the San Leandro City Council and Chamber of Commerce to celebrate Bayfair Center's 50th anniversary. The celebration consisted of a high school art competition, face painting, balloon artists and a band.

Bayfair Center opened in 1957 on the land where there was formerly the Racing Stadium. It was the nation's first two-story open-air mall and was home to 80 different shops. Macy's was the mall's first and longest standing anchor store, and once BART was completed, Bayfair became a major shopping destination for people in the Bay Area.



New Chabot College President Welcomed by the Community



Assemblymember Hayashi congratulates and welcomes Dr. Celia Barberena in her new role as President of Chabot College. Dr. Barberena is Chabot's first female president in its nearly 50-year history. Dr. Barberena replaces Dr. Robert Carlson and was recently introduced to the community at Hayward City Hall. Dr. Barberena has served 11 years as an administrator at Hartnell College, in Salinas.

As the Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Community Colleges, Assemblymember Hayashi looks forward to working with Dr. Barberena to advance the educational priorities of the district and to expand the workforce development opportunities for local businesses.



Upcoming Events

Assemblymember Hayashi Co-Hosts a Regional Budget Town Hall May 3rd



Please join Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and Assemblymembers Sandré Swanson (D-Oakland) and Loni Hancock (D-Berkeley) in a regional town hall meeting Saturday, May 3rd from 10 a.m. to noon. The town hall will be located at Encinal High School, 210 Central Avenue in Alameda. The Town Hall will examine California's budget crisis and its impact on our communities. Empower yourself by being involved in the budget process. Help to ensure that the budget is fair; that it is not unfairly balanced on the backs of our children, the elderly, disabled and our women and men in uniform. For more information please call the District Office at (510) 583-8818 or [click here](#).

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Tip of the Month



Environmental Ways to a Cleaner and Greener Environment

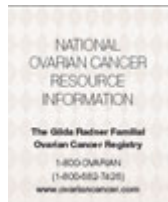
- Wash dishes in the dishwasher instead of by hand to save water.
 - Avoid washing clothes in hot water. Use cold or warm water.
 - Install low-flow shower heads.
 - Use a fan instead of running the air conditioner.
 - Conduct your own energy audit for your home. Learn how by visiting http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your_home/energy_audits/
 - Use a microwave to cook using 2/3 less energy than a conventional stove.
- Replace your old light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs or LED (light emitting diode) lights.
 - For more information, [click here](#).

Resources Available

Publications Available



Child Immunization Law



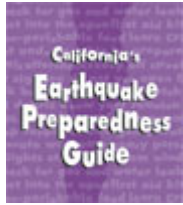
Ovarian Cancer Resource Guide



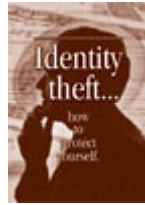
High Blood Pressure



Senior Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



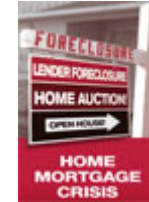
Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18th Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find it and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

If you prefer not to receive email updates or correspondences from the Office of Assemblymember Hayashi, please opt-out by emailing your request to Christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov.